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Clerk of Montana Supreme Court
P.O. Box 203003
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Re: Proposed Rule 8.4(g)

Honorable Members of the Court:

Because we have been informed that you would accept public comment on Proposed Rule 8.4(g), we urge you to carefully consider some effects that the American Bar Association proposal 8.4(g) would have on Montana attorneys and those Montanans who benefit from their expertise.

It would limit the freedom of speech for a certain segment of our citizenship, our Montana attorneys. The threat and fear of enforcement of these speech codes would bring a chilling effect on their profession. Because of this, many citizens, churches, and organizations in Montana could find themselves without legal representation.

A result of adopting Rule 8.4(g), could likely be the triggering of innumerable complaints and frivolous lawsuits, emanating in added expense to the state and thus the taxpayers.

We urge you not to adopt Proposed Rule 8.4(g)

Sincerely,

Larry Sundheim

Joan Sundheim

Larry and Joan Sundheim

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